



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## June 13, 2021

### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Education – Rick Richardson

Finance – Tom Hill

Outreach – Mark Whittaker

#### AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

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## *What Pride Prevents*

Satan knows that getting us to sin is not enough. Those who sin (you and me) can still get into heaven if we humbly repent and obey the gospel. Satan's main mission is to make us proud of our sins, thus heading off our repentance at the pass. No particular sin can keep a sinner out of heaven, but the proud refusal to repent will.

On June 1, 2009, then President Barack Obama issued the following signed declaration:

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.

Our objection to this declaration of pride is Christian to the core. We will stand by it in love, come what may. We know it is not the 'L', 'G', 'B', 'T', or 'Q' that will keep anyone out of heaven for eternity. Neither will the scarlet letter 'A.' No! It is the "pride" that prevents humble repentance that will keep any sinner of any kind out of heaven forever. That is serious.

Referring to such sinners as "the sexually immoral", "adulterers", and "homosexuals," the apostle Paul wrote to Christians in Corinth, saying; "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 5:11).

Clearly, some LGBTQ-plus individuals were added to the Lord's church and we will see them in heaven—based on their obedience to the gospel and ours. The graceful saving work of Jesus and the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit made them LGBTQ no longer. There's always hope!

We are called to love sinners as Jesus loved us. But we are NOT called to honor sin or engender pride in it. That is Satan's mission, not ours.

Joel Solliday